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Rep. Sherer Named Ranking Member of Higher Education Committee



Also Appointed to Children's and General Law Committees

State Rep. Donald B. Sherer, R-147th, Stamford, New Canaan has been appointed as ranking member of the legislature's Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee. As such, he will be the top House Republican on the committee for the next two years.

"No issue is more important to future success in life than obtaining a good education," said Rep. Sherer. "I look forward to working to help both young people and adults continue lifelong learning, so they can achieve their highest potential."

"The responsibility of the committee is extremely far-reaching," said Rep. Sherer. "We want to encourage people to pursue education beyond high school. It is well-documented that higher education gives workers access to better-paying jobs and greater opportunities to own a home, raise a family and provide for themselves and their children."

This committee is responsible for all matters related to public and independent colleges and universities, occupational schools, post-secondary education, job training, apprenticeship training programs, adult job training programs and related programs.

Rep. Sherer said, "In our area, we benefit from the presence of outstanding institutions of learning, including the UConn Stamford campus, Norwalk Community College and others. We want to see them thrive and attract more students in the future. Connecticut as a whole benefits greatly from numerous nationally-recognized colleges and universities."

In addition, he noted that local colleges are training for new, up-and-coming fields such as computer security, Norwalk Community College is one of only a few schools in country that gives a degree be computer security, and I hope Connecticut continues to lead in such fields," Rep. Sherer added.

In addition to the leadership position on Higher Education, Rep. Sherer also was reappointed to the Select Committee on Children and the General Law committees.

The Children's committee handles numerous issues relating to protecting and assisting children in the state; and the General Law committee has cognizance of matters relating

to consumer protection, fair trade and sales practices and laws relating to alcoholic beverages.